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Burnaby to host extreme race

- Outdoorsy event draws participants from as far away as U.K., Australia
- Race has raised more than $17,000 for Make-a-Wish Foundation over last four years
- SFU campus to host out-of-town racers, after-party

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▶ Bryan Tasaka rides his mountain bike on Burnaby Mountain yesterday.

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One of the Pacific Northwest's largest extreme sporting events is finally coming to the Lower Mainland.

Organizer Bryan Tasaka confirmed yesterday that the 32nd edition of the Atmosphere Mind Over Mountain Adventure Race (MOMAR) — which combines mountain biking, kayaking, hiking and orienteering — will be held in Burnaby this spring, utilizing both Burnaby Mountain and the Burrard Inlet as its primary venues.

"I think people will be really impressed. We're utilizing almost every trail on Burnaby Mountain." BRYAN TASAKA, ORGANIZER

"This is definitely a lifestyle city," said Tasaka.

"Hopefully this new location will be a great way to get more people involved."

The MOMAR, which draws nearly 400 participants from across B.C. and around the world, has until now been primarily a Vancouver Island-based event, despite the fact that nearly half of its competitors hail from the greater Vancouver area.

Though the precise route remains a secret until race day, Tasaka confirmed that the May 28 race will include a detour through the grounds of SFU's Burnaby campus.

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'Symbol' of compassion

Police hand out blankets to homeless ◐ At last count, 1,750 people were homeless in Vancouver ◐ City, B.C. Housing still in talks on winter strategy

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▶ Const. Doug Jones hands out fleece blankets in Pigeon Park yesterday as part of a joint cold weather initiative with the Salvation Army.

Vancouver police handed out fleece blankets to homeless people in Pigeon Park yesterday as part of a joint initiative with the Salvation Army ahead of winter.

Const. Jodyne Keller, homeless co-ordinator for the VPD, said the campaign is about more than just blankets — it's about building trust and support.

"Homeless people feel that they just kind of fade into the background," she said. "(Officers) are able to connect with the people out on the street ... (and) let them know where they can seek shelter. No one should ever have to sleep outside in the cold."

Alex Burnip, who lives in the neighbourhood, said it's "wonderful" that police are handing out blankets, but it could be done more often.

"The people living outside will only use them for one night ... and then they will be dirty," Burnip said. "We need more (programs) like this."

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Winter Response

- Last winter, the city opened seven Winter Response shelters with 500 beds.
- B.C. Housing's Emergency Shelter Program provided another 750 spaces.

Sex charges for Hindu priest

A Hindu priest has been arrested in Abbotsford and charged with sex offences involving two young girls.

Karam Vir, 31, has been charged with two counts of sexual exploitation and one count of sexual assault.

The ages and identities of his alleged victims cannot be released.

"Police cannot preclude the possibility that there may be other victims," said Const. Ian MacDonald.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Abbotsford Police Department.

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▶ Gordon Campbell

Liberals set vote date

The first B.C. Liberal Party leadership vote in 17 years will take place on Feb. 26 and will decide the successor for outgoing Premier Gordon Campbell, the party has announced.

Two weeks earlier, the party will vote on a proposed amendment to switch to a new weighted-voting system, which aims to make the system more representative.

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By **Jamie Golombek**
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Sexual consent law fails to protect youth, study finds

29,000 students in grades 7-12 surveyed provincewide

The legal age of sexual consent, raised to 16 from 14 in 2008, is not safeguarding younger teens, according to a study released yesterday by the University of B.C. and Simon Fraser University.

The age was raised to protect teens against sexual exploitation by adults and to prevent poor sexual health decisions.

However, study researchers found the 2008 law was not formed around factual evidence.

The study states 39 per cent of children who had sex before age 12 — already protected under the law — had a sexual partner 20 years or older.

While 14- and 15-year-olds are just as sexually responsible as their adult counterparts, they are also more likely to be exploited by those within their own age range.

"The law itself is not enough," said Elizabeth Saewyc, senior author of the study. "We need to talk to our youths about healthy relationships and how to resist being manipulated."

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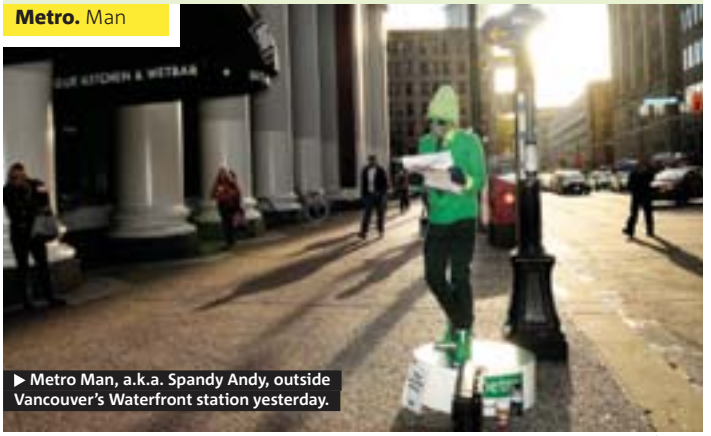

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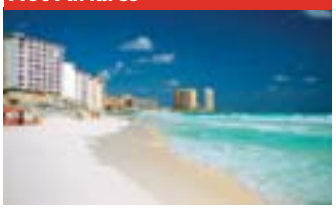

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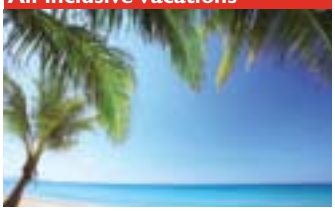

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Will the monarchy get some Canuck love?

Experts say the wedding will renew Canadians' support for the Royal Family

The love affair between the future heir to the British throne and his glamorous middle-class schoolmate may fan the flames of Canada's fondness for the monarchy, experts suggested yesterday.

Word that Prince William and Kate Middleton have set a 2011 wedding date prompted optimistic predictions from royal observers who view the couple as being well-positioned to renew Canadian support for the Royal Family.

Rafal Heydel-Mankoo, a historian and commentator on British royalty, said William and Middleton present an appealing portrait of how the monarchy will function in the 21st century.The couple strike the ideal balance between time-honoured traditions and much-needed modernization, he said.

"If the monarchy is to survive, it does need people like William and Kate who actually show the modern face of monarchy and respecting its traditions, but understanding that times change and institutions have to evolve," Heydel-Mankoo said.

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News in brief

Yahoo forms new alliances

Yahoo is turning its U.S. website into an outlet for bargain hunter Groupon and more than a dozen other similar services.

The partnerships announced yesterday are the latest in a series of alliances that Yahoo Inc. has forged in the past 18 months. The turnaround efforts haven't paid off yet, leaving Yahoo vulnerable to a possible takeover.

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CAs pessimistic about economy

Canada's chartered accountants have become more pessimistic about how the economy will perform in the next year.

The latest survey of 329 executive chartered accountants shows only 39 per cent as expressing optimism about the next 12 months.

The results suggest the drop in consumer confidence in Canada as a key reason for the executives' diminished expectations.

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Wal-Mart's profit up

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. reported a 9.3 per cent increase in third-quarter net income as the world's largest retailer benefited from cost controls and a robust international business. However, total revenue at U.S. stores fell as fewer customers visited and spent less when they did.

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Shoppers rein in holiday spending

Asked what they'd do with a bonus or extra income, 75% said they would save it or pay down debt: Survey

Recession-battered Canadian shoppers will be reluctant to splurge this holiday season, and retailers should expect weaker-than-usual sales, suggests a new report by Deloitte Canada.

Almost half of Canadians, or 44 per cent, who responded to Deloitte's 2010 holiday outlook survey said they plan to spend less this holiday season than they did last year.

"I think consumers are getting mixed signals (about the economy) and they're reacting hugely rationally," said Brent Houlden, Deloitte Canada's retail practice leader.

The firm's holiday outlook survey released yesterday suggests that retailers will likely be disappointed by a modest holiday season after enjoying strong sales increases in the first half of the year.

Deloitte expects Canadians to continue on a more frugal path, partly because they are trying to pay down debt and partly because recent economic data points to more uncertainty ahead.

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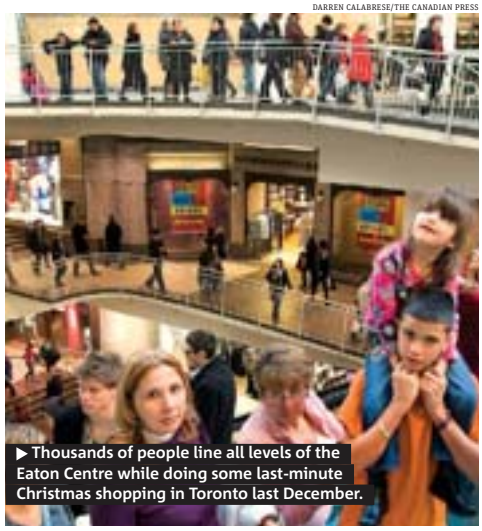

▶ Thousands of people line all levels of the Eaton Centre while doing some last-minute Christmas shopping in Toronto last December.

After racking up record levels of debt during the recession, when interest rates moved to an emergency low rate, Canadians' debt loads have reached 146 per cent of income levels, meaning for every dollar earned, consumers owe $1.46. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Slow sales

- **The HST** in Ontario and B.C. may have led consumers to spend earlier and pull sales ahead that may have otherwise taken place later in the year.
- **A strong Canadian dollar** could send shoppers south of the border to seek deals.
- **But shoppers** shouldn't expect big discounts or sales because retailers have become accustomed with recession-battered consumers' shopping habits and have reduced inventory, says Deloitte.
- **A survey** released yesterday by MasterCard Canada found that about two-thirds of Canadians don't set a budget for the holidays. Nearly half admitted to having gone over their holiday budget before the holidays actually arrive.

Canada eyes Indian market

During high-level meetings over the past several months, India has pressed Research in Motion to open up the encryption on its popular BlackBerry device for fear of use by terrorists.

At one session, a RIM executive pointed out that almost all the emails he has received from Indian officials come from open Google Gmail and Yahoo.com accounts.

Surely, he suggested, the Indian civil service's internal communications would be more secure if they all used BlackBerrys.

The exchange serves as a reminder that even in the midst of a contentious corporate controversy, a promising business opportunity seems to present itself.

That's what Canadian Trade Minister Peter Van Loan is hoping as he travels through India this week. Van Loan opened formal talks with Indian commerce minister Anand Sharma on a strategic economic partnership. Such an agreement would effectively be a partial free-trade agreement, reducing trade tariffs and helping Canadian businesses access the growing Indian market.

Van Loan and Sharma told reporters that an economic partnership could add as much as $12 billion a year to India's economy and up to $15 billion to Canada's. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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▶ Peter Van Loan

Market moment

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TOO MANY ARE INDEBTED TO FOOD BANKS

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN

Did you know that last March, 867,948 Canadians stood in line at a food bank?

That's nearly one million Canadians who either can't or don't know how to take care of themselves, and the number is rising.

One in 10 of those people were there for the first time.

And that's 28 per cent higher than 2008.

This in a country where people are giving each other cars for Christmas.

It's easy to blame the victim. If we didn't just give away free food, these people would get off their duffs PDQ and go out and work for their daily bread. We're just encouraging them, right?

Wrong. More than one-third of the people in the lineup were younger than 18. Are we going to tell them to quit school and get a job so they can pay for their meals?

That would be reverse social engineering: Let's see how many social and economic refugees we can create, and then see how they cope in an adult world. Even Stephen Harper can probably understand that's not a great idea.

Yes, food banks foster an unhealthy dependence on handouts. But the alternative — malnutrition, starvation — is really unhealthy, too. And how many of those people would rather have enough to eat, a nice roof over their heads and meaningful employment? Show of hands, please.

"Clearly, the system is broken. As in the U.S., the disparity between rich and poor is growing."

Clearly, the system is broken. As in the U.S., the disparity between rich and poor is growing. Here in B.C., the provincial government just gave everyone a 15 per cent income tax break while keeping the minimum wage at eight bucks an hour, which is a modern form of slavery. Try feeding a family on $350 a week when a single loaf of bread costs $3.50. For those people, 15 per cent of nothing is still nothing. If you're rich, it's a holiday in Florida.

When one in 34 people has to endure the shame of standing in line for a handout to get enough to eat, how many others are hanging on by their fingernails? How big is this problem anyway?

And what are we going to do about it? We can keep giving cans of SpaghettiOs to the food bank, which is better than nothing, or we can actually raise the minimum wage and increase job training programs.

Or we could just go ahead and spend $16 billion on a bunch of F-35 stealth fighter jets and to hell with a bunch of hungry kids.

There's no such thing as a free lunch, right?

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

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Kicking up their heels

Worth mentioning

Spain's flamenco dance, the Mediterranean diet and Chinese acupuncture were all given UN protection yesterday as cultural treasures worth preserving.

The traditional gastronomic meal of the French, with rites for celebrating events such as births and weddings, was also adopted by UNESCO's Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. UNESCO is the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. The UNESCO committee maintains a list of practices from around the world that contribute to spreading the knowledge of inherited cultural practices and promoting awareness of their importance. The committee, meeting in Nairobi yesterday, approved 50 of the 51 nominations presented for inclusion on the list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

When flamenco was announced as an addition to the list, shouts of Ole! echoed through the room from the Spanish delegation and representatives of other Spanish-speaking countries.

UNESCO also adopted Spain's human towers, built during annual festivities in Catalonian towns, and the chant of the Sybil performed in churches on Majorca. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ole!

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Metro Minute at food-conscious talk

Food is a leading ingredient in many global issues, according to former Langara instructor Margo Chapman-Kendall.

The Vancouver Public Library is holding a food-conscious seminar today at noon free of charge for Vancouverites looking to eat away at the connection between food and global issues — like climate change. Chapman-Kendall will speak at the central branch on various social movements that have emerged globally, and locally, when it comes to the role of food in world challenges.

The instalment is Part 8 of a 10-week globalization-themed series presented by current and former Langara College faculty, which highlights various global issues. KIMIYA SHOKOOHI

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▶ The Vancouver Public Library is hosting a seminar that will examine connections between food and global issues.

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- Harry Potter star has managed to keep down-to-earth despite worldwide fame
- Deathly Hollows Part 1 is a slow build-up to frantic final installment of hit franchise
- How does Potter villain Draco compare to other movie bad guys?

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▶ Daniel Radcliffe plays Harry Potter in Harry Potter and the Deathly Hollow Part 1, which comes out on Friday.

Radcliffe avoids fame's spell

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LONDON

Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe talks to Metro about what it's like being a global icon – and keeping his feet on the ground.

Has it been difficult keeping a sense of perspective when you're surrounded by screaming fans?
Whomever had been cast as Harry would have received that attention, so you have to realise that it's not because it's you. When I talked to the director of Twilight, I asked how Rob (Pattinson) was doing. She was saying that before Rob had even been cast, she went to a reading by Stephenie Meyer and when Stephenie said the name Edward Cullen, the audience went nuts. So whoever was going to be cast in that role was going to have a pretty crazy life for the next few years, and it's the same with Harry.

How does Part One compare to Part Two?
This is the sedate younger brother to the last part. In the last part you'll be slung head first at 200 miles per hour into a firestorm. The level of action is insanity, it's non-stop. It's a road movie that turns into a heist movie that turns into a war movie. The battle in Hogwarts is incredible. People are going to be left slightly breathless by it.

Is there a souvenir you've taken from Harry Potter?
I did take, and I would have stolen had they not given them to me, the glasses, one pair from the first film, which are tiny now, then a pair from the last. They're both the lenseless ones that I used the most, so they're the ones I associate most with Harry.

Everyone says that the atmosphere on the Harry Potter set is great.
If you're playing the lead you have to view yourself as the head of department of the cast. All the other head of departments are accountable and I don't think actors should be any different. If I walked on set every day with a dull, unhappy attitude, it's amazing how quickly that would filter through to everyone else on the crew. When you're filming for nine months you can't afford to let morale slip.

Felton loves being Potter villain

Tom Felton, who plays Draco in Harry Potter, talks about his favourite villains, and how Draco would match up to the Dark Knight.

What's the best thing about playing someone evil?
It's so nice to play someone so well written, and someone that's so different from Tom. I'd like to think there's not much evil in Tom but there's plenty of evil in Draco. Draco's not an evil child at all – he's quite a soft sweetheart really – but he's a victim of circumstances, and a victim of terrible parenting. He was the most evil when he was young. As he's grown older, and in this film, he's grown a conscience for the first time.

How do you think he would match up to other movie superheroes?
Well we do have the great advantage of the wand – we don't have to get within 20 metres of each other. I like to think that with that you can't really fail. A bit of abracadabra and bam! The job's a good 'un.

Would Draco have a chance against the Dark Knight?
Wow, not a hope in hell. That guy's at another level. Draco would be petrified at the thought.

What's your favourite villain look?
The Joker, Heath Ledger, in the last film. And not even just all the makeup. I loved him in the first shot in that odd clown mask that he wears when he's robbing the bank.

EMMA E. FORREST

News in brief

Helen Mirren better make some room on her awards shelf. The Hollywood Reporter announced yesterday that the 65-year-old Oscar winner will receive the Sherry Lansing Leadership Award at a ceremony next month.

Halle Berry will present the award to Mirren at the Women in Entertainment breakfast on Dec. 7, where Katie Couric is set to give the keynote address.

The Sherry Lansing Leadership Award is presented annually to a woman who has built a unique entertainment career and made significant contributions to society.

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Fire at warehouse storing Neil Young memorabilia started in car singer converted to hybrid

CSI creator talks about his success

JERÔME VERMELIN
METRO WORLD NEWS IN PARIS

With his hit TV series CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, Anthony Zuiker turned forensic science into a sexy, glamorous profession, and along the way helping to change primetime thriller dramas forever.

People say you were working in an hotel in Las Vegas when you had the idea of CSI. Is that true or just an urban legend?
No, it's true! I lived 41 years in Las Vegas, and I really drove a little train at the Mirage Hotel in the Treasure Hotel Island for eight dollars an hour! I already wrote a movie I've been asked from a friend, but the idea of CSI came when my wife, who was pregnant at the time, watched a documentary on forensic scientists. The first episode has been shown on TV the sixth of October 2000 in the United States and had more than 22 millions viewers.

How do you explain this success?
You know, I'm neither a cop, nor a scientist. I'm just a screenwriter who carried out a lot of research. And I think I managed to get the mysteries of our generation through the forensic scientists prism. CSI evolved a lot during the different seasons, and I'm really proud of what has been done. When you look at the American TV, it's difficult to write something that will last more than 13 episodes. Now, it's the eleventh season for CSI: Las Vegas, the ninth season for CSI: Miami and the seventh one for CSI: New York.

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No pre-nup for Jessica Simpson

Despite getting burned once already, the singer is taking a chance on love once again

Despite reportedly handing Nick Lachey a chunk of her fortune during their divorce, Jessica Simpson isn't asking for a pre-nuptial agreement from new fiancé Eric Johnson, according to Popeater.

"Nick walked away with over $10 million of her money when they divorced because they had no pre-nup," a source says.

"You would think she would have learned her lesson. But where romance is concerned, Jess follows her heart, not her head." METRO

Jessica Simpson: following her heart.

The characters that kill together, stay together?

Julia Stiles says she loves working on the Showtime series Dexter, yet stops short of saying that her character will become romantically involved with everyone's favourite serial killer.

Stiles says, "I don't know. I can't say."

But she did say the pair were soulmates because "she accepts him for who he is and what he does."

Stiles joined the cast this season as Lumen Pierce, a woman brutalized by a serial killer and rescued by Dexter after he "takes care" of him.

According to Stiles, their attraction is based on "the interest in killing certain people." METRO

Julia Stiles

New character back on Glee, may become regular

Glee guest star Darren Criss has turned a "Teenage Dream" into reality. The Fox series' co-producer, Twentieth Television, says Criss and his character, prep-school glee-club member Blaine, will continue to appear on the show this season and that Criss could become a regular next year under a newly signed deal.

The 23-year-old's character was introduced last week as a mentor to Kurt (Chris Colfer), a gay student who faces harassment at school. Criss and the glee club performed a cover of Katy Perry's Teenage Dream in that episode.

Twentieth Television says the cover scored the highest first-day sales for a Glee track, with more than 55,000 downloads.

Criss returns on today's episode of Glee, which features guest star Gwyneth Paltrow as a substitute teacher.

Twentieth Television says whether Criss' character and Kurt become romantically involved has yet to be decided. METRO

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Back together

SPEARS FAMILY. After being separated for eight years, Britney Spears' parents have reportedly reconciled, according to People. "They are back together and are doing well and happy," a source says. "[They're] not remarried but back together." Lynne and Jamie Spears have been spending a lot of time together over the past two years after Jamie took control of Britney's finances. METRO

Brandy kicked off DWTS

REALITY TV. Brandy earned a perfect score for her Argentine tango on Monday's Dancing With the Stars, only to learn yesterday it would be her final dance in the competition. The 31-year-old singer and actress was eliminated from the hit ABC dance-off just before next week's final showdown. Brandy, who collected 57 points out of 60 on Monday, was pitted against Bristol Palin for a spot in the finals.
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Lohan has a role waiting

AFTER REHAB. While Lindsay Lohan has been planning to still play Linda Lovelace in the upcoming Inferno, the film's director says he's prepared for the possibility that her stint in rehab gets in the way.

"She is still our Number 1 choice, we do have a plan B if she cannot film Inferno," Matthew Wilder says. METRO

Celebrity tweets

Lance Armstrong
[@lancearmstrong]

Remember when women had that BIG HAIR? Please tell me that trend doesn't come back around when my 9 year olds are 16.

Nicole Richie
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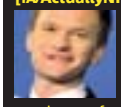

I'm apparently up for a People's Choice Award. If you have a few minutes, please vote for me five billion times.

Experience makes you hesitate

BABY NEWS. Mariah Carey insists she waited so long to announce her pregnancy because a miscarriage in 2008 made her and husband Nick Cannon superstitious, she tells Hello! magazine.

"I became extra superstitious and overly cautious because of what we had gone through a year and a half ago, so didn't want to talk about it publicly for a long time during the first trimester," she says. METRO

Wedding bells for Leo DiCaprio?

Leonardo DiCaprio and Bar Refaeli sparked engagement rumors recently when his mom joined them in Israel to meet her parents, but the speculation is just that, sources tell Us Weekly. While DiCaprio's mom got to meet Refaeli's parents, a source insists the trip is "just a vacation," and that they are in Israel to celebrate DiCaprio's birthday. METRO

Leonardo DiCaprio

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But Canada is not alone, the US and the UK still allow young people to survive on the streets with no place to call home. In a recent research study, we found that almost 9 out of 10 Canadians don't know the true scale of this problem, making this issue one of the most overlooked in Canada.

At Virgin, we are proud to support Motion 504 - submitted by the Hon. Dr. Carolyn Bennett, which, when passed, will declare November 17th **National Youth Homelessness Awareness Day** in Canada.

Make your voice heard. I want to invite all of you to **come to the Waterfront Train Station between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m today** and show your support for this motion and issue by signing our petition. We'll also be collecting donations to put together hygiene kits for youth in need.

You can also show your support for our partners by making a $5 donation. **Text 'REGEN' to 30333** and Virgin Mobile will match the funds raised from the first 10,000 text donations in the month of November.

Let's use November 17th as a day of education, action and solidarity and not allow youth homelessness to remain overlooked and be anything other than a national priority. We all have a role to play in solving this problem - add your voice and help us make a difference in the lives of young people who need it most.

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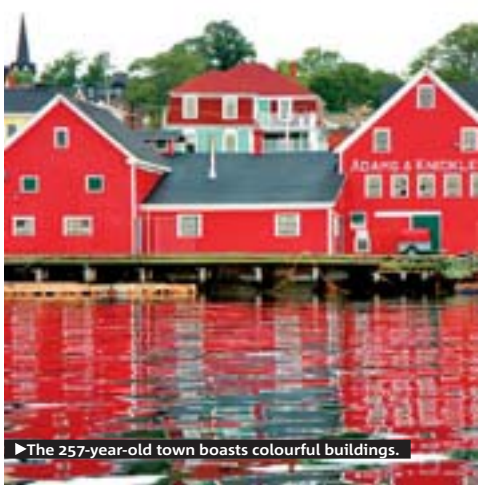

▶The 257-year-old town boasts colourful buildings.

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▶Tourist activities in the Nova Scotia town include classes on building a traditional dory.

Past meets present in Lunenburg

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▶Lunenburg's seaside location has great views.

It may be one of the oldest towns in Canada, but in Lunenburg, N.S., the past has found a seamless way to meet the present.

Established in 1753 as the first British colonial settlement in the province outside of Halifax, early inhabitants seem to have set the tone for hospitality.

Settlers from parts of Germany, Switzerland and France followed in the footsteps of early Mi'kmaq and Acadian inhabitants.

"This is a community where traditions run deep," says Lawrence Mawhinney, mayor of the iconic seaside town.

"You wander through the historic downtown and you can see the way things used to be, the way they are, and can be."

A walk to the harbour that birthed the famed schooner Bluenose, the ship on the back of the Canadian dime, takes visitors past brightly coloured buildings built in the late 1700s and early 1800s.

Most have found new life as retail outlets, craft shops and, arguably, some of the finest restaurants in the province.

Terry Vassallo, executive chef-owner of Trattoria della Nonna, opened his doors a few years ago.

Already he says he feels at home watching the 257-year-old town drape itself in yet another persona.

"It dawned on us as we moved here that it was slowly becoming a culinary destination because there's just so much available to us," he says, sitting in the office of his Tuscan-orange restaurant.

"We are at the crossroads of amazing seafood, amazing growers and livestock. It's exactly the direction we wanted to move in," says Vassallo.

A few blocks away, in an old blacksmith's shop, Pierre Guevremont and Lynne MacKay set up Ironworks, an artisanal distillery that boasts Canada's only apple-based vodka.

"The thing that attracted us about Lunenburg was the restaurants and cooking school that we thought would really be a perfect fit," said Guevremont.

The town boasts a variety of accommodations, from unique bed-and-breakfasts to restored inns that have managed to keep a period feel while also providing all of today's modern comforts.

There's a developing trend toward multi-night stays as visitors seek out new dining venues to sample local fare or take in local festivals that feature folk art and folk music.

Lunenburg also has historic sites and museums, such as the Fishermen's Museum of the Atlantic where you can learn the history of the industry, rum running and whales.

In 1995, UNESCO recognized the town's cultural and natural heritage by adding it to its World Heritage List.

"It used to be people would stop by for a day as they drove around the province, but now they come to Nova Scotia specifically to come see Lunenburg," says Mawhinney.

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If you go

You can find more info about Lunenburg on the web. Check out:

- **Explorelunenburg.ca**
- **Musuem.gov.ns.ca**
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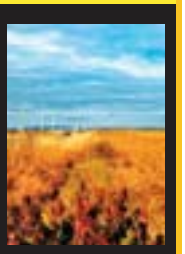

A network of dikes created by Acadians in the Bay of Fundy has been recognized as being of historical significance.

The dikes, made of sod and clay, allowed settlers to drain salt marshes for farming. Gates ran rain water into the ocean at low tide but prevented salt water from flooding crops at high tide.

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Comics by 18 Jewish women featured in Graphic Details exhibit.

Can ski slopes be green?

Metro looks at the resorts that are trying to shrink their snowy carbon footprint

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WHAT KIT TO USE

If you're taking things seriously, you need to choose the right kit.

Mountain brand Patagonia (patagonia.com) has carved its niche as a green clothing provider.

It is part of the one per cent of companies that use a fibre-to-fibre recycling system to make new clothes from old.

Ski and snowboard manufacturer K2 (K2snowboarding.com) has also upped its eco game, bringing out the Eco Pop snowboard, which keeps materials to a minimum.

WHERE TO GO

To check out the green credentials of a resort before booking, the Ski Club of Great Britain has an excellent resource at skiclub.co.uk.

Currently coming out on top is the North American resort of Aspen.

WHAT TO DO

If you want to tread lightly, ditch downhill skiing with its chairlifts and opt instead for ski touring or snowshoeing.

Dream Guides (dreamguides.com) runs day and multi-day ski tours in France, Italy and Switzerland. During the tours, clients use 'skins' on their skis to move up cols, accessing areas unattainable on traditional skis.

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Timberline Lodge is the first ski resort in the world to receive third-party recognition of its eco-credentials via Sustainable Travel International's Sustainable Tourism Eco-certification Programme (STEP).

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▶ The Alamo is San Antonio's most famous tourist attraction.

Remember the Alamo!

Despite a bloody history, San Antonio is a pretty city

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SEE
The Alamo

This former Catholic mission is a byword for selfless heroism or blind stupidity, depending on your poing of view on the subject.

Either way, it's hard not to be moved by the quiet dignity of the place, which belies its bloody tale.

HEAR
Remember the Alamo!

Many visitors have seen the 1960 John Wayne movie, and if you hang around long enough, you are guaranteed to hear the time-honoured phrase.

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Mmm milk: The calendar is back

And the recipes are just as good as you remember, along with some new twists

Jennifer MacKenzie remembers her family receiving the Milk Calendar in their weekend newspaper every November.

"So many people have grown up with it and we are trying to keep the tradition going," says the Peterborough, Ont., home economist and restaurant owner.

MacKenzie, 40, has created recipes for the calendar sponsored by the Dairy Farmers of Canada for more than 10 years.

This year, she is the official spokesperson for its much anticipated arrival.

On Saturday, the calendar, with 17 recipes using milk products, will be available free in 39 newspapers across Ontario (with some local variations) and to home subscribers of Chatelaine, Today's Parent, Reader's Digest Family Edition, Canadian Family and Together.

It can also be ordered online at www.mymilkcalendar.ca.

The 2011 edition marks the calendar's 34th year. It was launched in 1974 and also issued in 1975, but a few years elapsed before it became an annual publication.

"This year we are giving Milk Calendar fans a collection of recipes perfect for any occasion all year round," says MacKenzie.

"We've incorporated new food trends and new flavours and given them the calendar treatment which means kid-approved, well-balanced and mouth-watering recipes."

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▶ Toffee Crunch Cheesecake Squares

Preparation:

1. Preheat oven to 160 C (325 C). Line a 3-l (13-by-9-inch) metal baking pan with foil, leaving 5 cm (2 inches) overhang at each end.
2. In a bowl, combine crumbs, butter and corn syrup until blended; press into pan. Bake for about 10 minutes until puffed. Set aside.
3. In a large bowl and using an electric mixer, beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth; beat in cornstarch until blended. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Beat in milk and then vanilla until blended. Using a rubber spatula, fold in 125 ml (1/2 cup) of the toffee bits. Pour evenly over baked crust.
4. Bake for 30 minutes, or until edges are puffed and centre is slightly jiggly. Immediately sprinkle with remaining toffee bits. Let cool completely in pan on rack. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours until chilled or up to 2 days. Remove from pan using foil overhang as handles. Cut into squares.

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Ingredients:

- 550 ml (2 1/4 cups) graham cracker crumbs
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) butter, melted
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) corn syrup
- 2 pkgs (each 250 g/8 oz) regular or light cream cheese, softened
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) packed brown sugar
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) cornstarch
- 2 eggs
- 250 ml (1 cup) milk
- 10 ml (2 tsp) vanilla
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) toffee bits

▶ Nut-Crusted Veal Cutlets

Nuts add flavour to veal cutlets

Preparation:

1. In a food processor, pulse bread cubes, nuts, Parmesan, parsley, thyme, rosemary, salt and pepper until it resembles coarse breadcrumbs. Transfer to a shallow dish or pie plate.
2. Sprinkle cornstarch over cutlets, shaking off any excess.
3. In a separate shallow bowl, pour egg and dredge one cutlet at a time in egg.
4. Coat each cutlet with nut mixture, pressing so it adheres to both sides.
5. In a large skillet, heat half of the oil over medium-high heat. Arrange half of the crusted cutlets in pan; cook until golden on each side and cooked through, 1 to 3 minutes per side (depending on the thickness). Transfer to paper towel-lined platter; keep warm. Repeat with remaining oil and cutlets.

Ingredients:

- 250 ml (1 cup) cubed whole-wheat bread
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) toasted nuts (walnuts, pecans or almonds)
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) Parmesan cheese
- 5 ml (1 tsp) each fresh chopped parsley, thyme and rosemary
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) each coarse salt and fresh cracked pepper
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) cornstarch
- 500 g (1 lb) veal cutlets (about 8)
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil, divided

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Speak easy, move ahead

Being able to 'stand up and speak eloquently with confidence' can make you outshine the competition, says public relations expert Patricia Fripp

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▶ Career counsellors say you're more likely to forge your reputation in the spotlight than hiding behind your laptop.

There's new media, old media — and then there's that most ancient of all media, the big speech.

The stagecraft behind pep talking an audience of hundreds may seem archaic and quaint alongside light-speed twitter feeds and RSS scrolls, but career counsellors say you're still more likely to wow industry insiders and forge your rep in the spotlight than you are behind the sickly glow of a laptop screen.

"It never ceases to amaze me that intelligent, well-educated, and ambitious individuals overlook the number one skill that will put them ahead of the competition, and that is the ability to stand up and speak eloquently with confidence," public speaking expert Patricia Fripp says.

The key to a keynote, she says, is to start with a pad, plus a pen, and a plan.

Compose what speech coach Elayne Snyder calls your "speech statement of purpose."

"Decide, are you going to motivate, inform, or convince them?" she elaborates.

"The trick is to say to yourself, 'I want to give them the gift of information.'"

That means strutting on stage with a distinguished sense of what your audience already apprehends. "Never tell an audience anything they know or assume," Fripp cautions

Instead, draft your top scoop into the introduction, then harp on it in your conclusion.

"You absolutely must if nothing else, script the opening and the close," she emphasizes.

"Very few people, including executives, know how to start and stop."

The other 80 per cent of the speech can be from the hip, not the script — but it has to be concise, Snyder says.

"Never tell people more than three points because they'll never remember it," she warns. "Introduce your point, use an anecdote, a case history, or statistics to explain it, then repeat your point the same way you introduced it."

"Do two or three of those and you've got a gorgeous speech," she adds. For Fripp, the most irksome verbal burp speech rookies let loose on the grandstand isn't "um," "like," or "ya know" — it's "I."

"An audience, whether it's one person or one thousand, cares about itself," she stresses. "So you need to use you-focused language, like 'thank you for the opportunity to discuss how you can,' and so on."

How to ace it

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Evidence shows that homework seems to have a small positive influence on student achievement

▶ It's important to be positive and encouraging when helping your children with their homework.

Parents, children, and teachers have always argued about homework!

Common questions include: Should teachers give homework to students? If so, how much and what type of homework should be assigned? How much time should students spend on homework? What roles should parents play in their child's homework?

Quite a bit of research has been done over the decades on homework, but researchers still hold divergent views on the subject.

The best current evidence is that homework seems to have a small positive influence on student achievement, though it may be that students with better grades just tend to do more homework.

For high school students, the benefits of homework increased as the time spent on homework increased, up to about two hours of homework a day, but any time spent beyond that showed decreased benefits.

The evidence for a positive impact of homework on student achievement in the primary grades is weak, although some evidence suggests that homework may help students develop good study habits and foster positive attitudes toward school and learning.

The amount of homework assigned is less important than the quality and value of the work being done. Assigning homework only has value if the work contributes to students' learning and engagement. Studies show a wide variation in the kind and quality of homework assigned and in its perceived importance or value by students and parents.

Parents can also play an important role by supporting their children's learning at home, encouraging learning outside of school, and monitoring their children's progress regularly.

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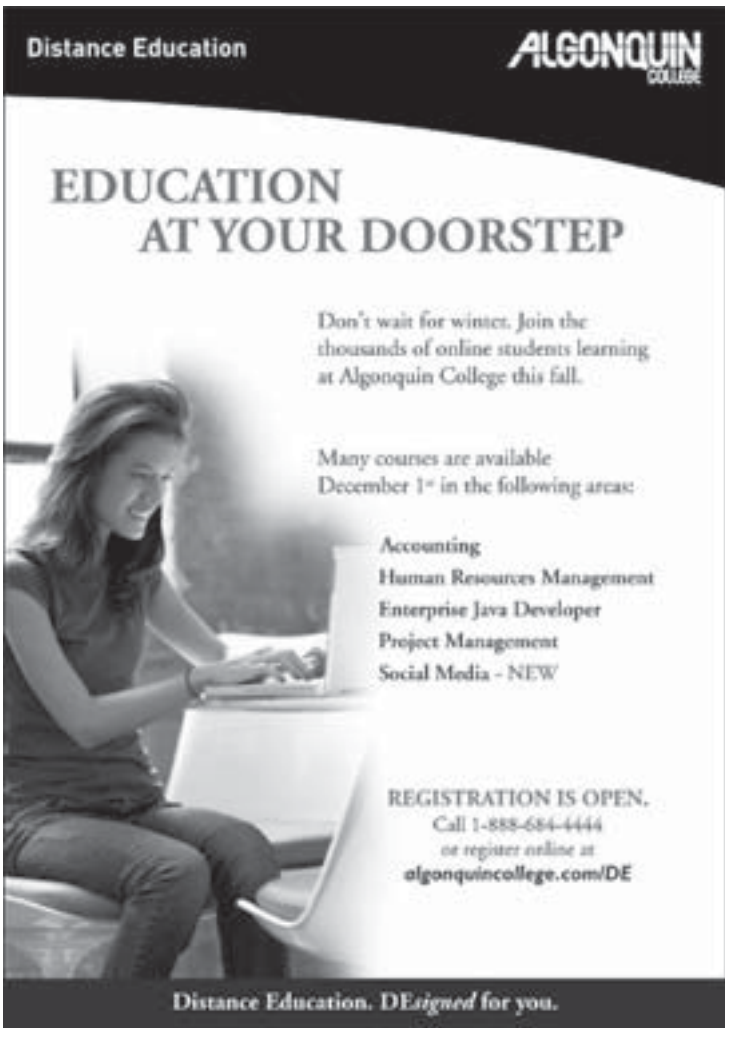
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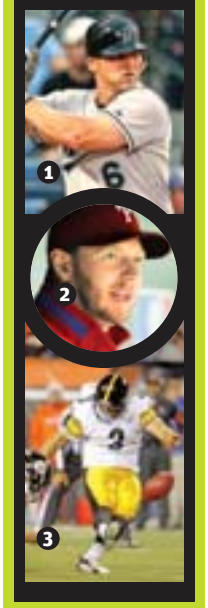

1 Dan Uggla was dealt from the Florida Marlins to the Atlanta Braves.

2 Philadelphia Phillies ace Roy Halladay has unanimously won the National League Cy Young Award.

3 The Steelers have cut Jeff Reed, who began the season as one of the 10 most accurate kickers in NFL history but has been erratic all season.

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Lions' frustration gives way to hope

- Lions players look ahead to 2011
- Buono mulls retaining coaching job

The B.C. Lions proved during the last half of the season they have the potential to be a very good football team next year, one capable of challenging for the Grey Cup in their own, rebuilt stadium.

Over the next few weeks, Wally Buono will decide if he's the best person to help the Lions fulfil that potential. The question Buono faces: does he want to continue his role as coach and general manager, or would the team be better served by him turning the coaching duties over to someone else?

"I've not answered the question," Buono said yesterday. "This is not a job you casually (take). It's not a nine-to-five type of job.

"This is a good football club that needs to take another step. You have to create an environment where that can be possible."

The Lions suffered a heartbreaking 41-38 overtime loss to the Saskatchewan Roughriders in Sunday's CFL West semifinal. It was a game few people thought B.C. would be playing in after starting the season a dismal 1-7.

"There is good reason to be optimistic. It seems like a lot of good things are in place."
LIONS QUARTERBACK TRAVIS LULAY

The Lions spent yesterday morning cleaning out their lockers and signing footballs for each other. There were handshakes and a few hugs.

The frustration of losing in the opening playoff game was eased a little by some of the year's accomplishments.

A team stocked with 23 first-year players, and led by a sophomore quarterback who started as a backup, went 7-3 down the stretch to clinch the final playoff spot with an 8-10 record.

Buono wants to finish what he started. But after back-to-back 8-10 seasons, the 60-year-old general manager must decide if he is the right coach for the job.

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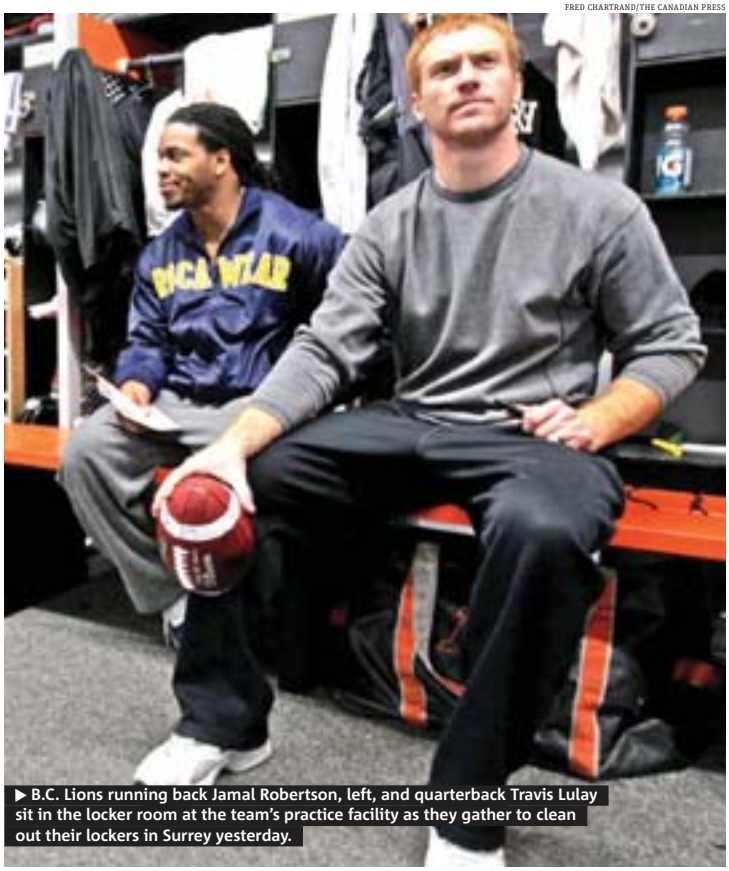

▶ B.C. Lions running back Jamal Robertson, left, and quarterback Travis Lulay sit in the locker room at the team's practice facility as they gather to clean out their lockers in Surrey yesterday.

Opinion

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LEARNING TO RESPECT THE PROFESSION

Cory Schneider's transition to professional life wasn't smooth. After losing back-to-back national titles with Boston College, Schneider embarked on his career with the Manitoba Moose — coached by Scott Arniel, the current coach of the Columbus Blue Jackets — in 2007-08.

Through his first 11 appearances, Schneider's numbers were miserable. A 3-7-0 record, 3.69 goals against average and .872 save percentage ranked him among the worst in the league. Meanwhile, teammate Drew MacIntyre was posting wins and coach Arniel was getting fed up with the work ethic of the young Schneider.

"The big thing with Cory is he had great success at the college level and obviously was a first-round draft pick and had lots of hype, lots of talk about him being the next up-and-coming top-end goalie," Arniel said.

"He came to us in the AHL and I think he kind of had disrespect for the league. I think he looked at it like everything would come easy."

Arniel said Schneider wasn't taking practice seriously enough and wasn't competing for pucks during games — a worrying development at the time. To turn around the bad start to his career, Schneider got a little bit of luck and a lot of good coaching.

After letting in three goals on eight shots and getting pulled in a December game, Arniel's concerns about his goalie hit a breaking point. With MacIntyre on recall to the Canucks, Arniel had little choice but to turn back to Schneider for a game the following night. However, before he made that decision, he pulled Schneider aside and held him accountable.

"I called him into the office and we had a real good talk about the game," Arniel said. "I told him about all those things; I didn't like the way he was approaching being a professional. I threw him back in the net the next night, and it was one of his better games."

Schneider finished the year with a 21-12-2 record, a .916 save percentage and a 2.28 GAA, earning rookie of the month honours in March. The following year, Schneider's GAA dipped to 2.04 as he led the Moose to their first and only 50-win season and top spot in the league. He carried Manitoba to the Calder Cup final where they lost, but earned the "Baz" Bastien Award as the AHL's top goalie.

After one more season together in 2009-10, on an offensively deficient team that was defeated in the opening round of the post-season, Arniel and Schneider graduated to the NHL. For Arniel, it was a much-deserved first attempt to lead an NHL bench; for Schneider, it was the next step up the ladder to full-time NHLer status — albeit with a lot of work ahead in Roberto Luongo's shadow to finally become that No. 1 goalie he's been touted as for so long.

But at least this time he's prepared for the challenge.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Washington	18	13	4	1	0	65	47	27	9-1-0-0	4-3-1-0	8-1-1-0	W1
d-Philadelphia	19	12	5	2	0	63	41	26	8-3-0-0	4-2-2-0	8-1-1-0	L1
d-Montreal	18	12	5	1	0	49	36	25	6-3-1-0	6-2-0-0	7-3-0-0	W4
NY Rangers	18	10	7	1	0	55	48	21	4-5-1-0	6-2-0-0	6-4-0-0	W3
Pittsburgh	19	9	8	2	0	58	52	20	3-5-1-0	6-3-1-0	4-5-1-0	L1
Boston	15	9	5	0	1	44	29	19	3-4-0-1	6-1-0-0	5-4-0-1	W1
Ottawa	18	9	8	1	0	46	53	19	5-4-0-0	4-4-1-0	7-3-0-0	L1
Tampa Bay	17	8	7	2	0	48	54	18	4-2-1-0	4-5-1-0	3-6-1-0	L3
Atlanta	18	7	8	1	2	57	67	17	3-4-0-1	4-4-1-1	4-4-0-2	L2
Buffalo	19	7	9	3	0	51	60	17	2-6-1-0	5-3-1-0	4-4-2-0	W2
Carolina	17	8	9	0	0	52	60	16	4-3-0-0	4-6-0-0	4-6-0-0	L2
Toronto	17	6	8	1	2	40	51	15	4-4-1-1	2-4-0-1	2-8-0-2	W1
Florida	15	7	8	0	0	44	40	14	5-2-0-0	2-6-0-0	5-5-0-0	L1
New Jersey	18	5	11	1	1	33	59	12	1-6-1-0	4-6-0-0	3-6-0-1	L1
NY Islanders	17	4	10	1	2	37	58	11	2-2-0-1	2-8-1-1	0-9-0-1	L10

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Los Angeles	16	12	4	0	0	50	34	24	8-0-0-0	4-4-0-0	8-2-0-0	L1
d-Detroit	15	11	3	0	1	51	37	23	7-1-0-1	4-2-0-0	7-2-1-0	W3
d-Vancouver	17	10	4	1	2	54	43	23	6-0-0-1	4-4-1-1	8-1-1-0	L1
Anaheim	20	10	8	1	1	51	59	22	7-1-0-1	3-7-1-0	6-3-1-0	L2
St. Louis	16	9	4	1	2	41	40	21	6-0-0-1	3-4-1-1	7-2-0-1	W1
San Jose	16	9	4	3	0	48	40	20	6-2-2-0	3-3-0-0	6-3-1-0	W3
Chicago	20	9	9	1	1	57	59	20	5-5-0-1	4-2-1-0	4-5-0-1	W1
Colorado	17	9	7	1	0	59	53	19	4-4-0-0	5-3-1-0	5-4-1-0	W1
Phoenix	17	7	5	4	1	47	63	19	4-2-2-1	3-3-2-0	5-3-1-1	W3
Columbus	15	9	6	0	0	41	38	18	5-5-0-0	4-1-0-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Dallas	16	9	7	0	0	48	45	18	6-3-0-0	3-4-0-0	4-6-0-0	W1
Minnesota	16	8	6	0	2	37	36	18	5-3-0-1	3-3-0-1	5-4-0-1	W1
Nashville	16	7	6	3	0	42	48	17	2-1-3-0	5-5-0-0	4-6-0-0	L1
Calgary	16	7	9	0	0	46	49	14	4-4-0-0	3-5-0-0	4-6-0-0	L2
Edmonton	16	4	9	1	2	42	66	11	2-4-0-0	2-5-1-2	2-5-1-2	L4

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Toronto 5 Nashville 4
Montreal 3 Philadelphia 0
Dallas 2 Anaheim 1
Monday's results
Boston 3 New Jersey 0
Philadelphia 5 Ottawa 1
Buffalo 4 Vancouver 3 (OT)
N.Y. Rangers 3 Pittsburgh 2 (OT)
Colorado 6 St. Louis 3
San Jose 6 Los Angeles 3
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Boston at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Washington, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Florida at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Chicago at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Columbus at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

LEAFS 5, PREDATORS 4

First Period
1. Nashville, Dumont 3 (Legwand, Suter) 8:13
2. Nashville, Tootoo 2 (Legwand, Ward) 11:33
3. Nashville, Erat 1, 11:43
4. Toronto Schenn 1 (Kessel) 19:30
Penalties — None.
Second Period
5. Nashville, Goc 3, 4:41 (sh)
6. Toronto, Versteeg 3 (Kessel, Kadri) 6:22 (pp)
7. Toronto, Versteeg 4 (MacArthur, Kaberle) 7:21 (pp)
8. Toronto, Grabovski 4 (MacArthur, Kaberle) 14:21 (pp)
9. Toronto Kulemin 5 (MacArthur, Grabovski) 16:44 (pp)
Penalties — Bouillon Nash (holding) 3:32, Suter Nash (slashing) 5:17, Klein Nash (delay of game) 5:36, Suter Nash (holding) 7:09, Hornqvist Nash (goaltender interference) 13:12, Ward Nash (hooking) 16:28.
Third Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Schenn Tor (hooking) 4:31, Smithson Nash (slashing) 7:17, MacArthur Tor (delay of game) 11:48, Weber Nsh (hooking) 19:47.
Shots

Nashville	12	8	14	34
Toronto	11	17	5	33

Goal (shots-saves) — Nashville: Rinne (L,4-5-2); Toronto: Giguere (W,5-5-2)(28-24), Gustavsson (6:50 third)(6-6). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Nashville: 0-2; Toronto: 4-8.
Att. — 19,069 (18,819) at Toronto.

CANADIENS 3, FLYERS 0

First Period
1. Montreal, Cammalleri 5 (Gionta, Kostitsyn) 9:36 (pp)
Penalties — Lapierre Mtl (slashing) 2:28, Carle Pha (slashing) 8:16, Pronger Pha (delay of game) 8:39.
Second Period
2. Montreal, Plekanec 7 (Gionta, Moen) 13:48
Penalties — Zherdev Pha (holding) 1:26, Powe Pha (elbowing) 5:12, Gill Mtl (holding) 9:40, Subban Mtl (cross-checking) 11:10, Hartnell Pha (high-sticking) 15:51.
Third Period
3. Montreal, Gionta 5 (Plekanec, Subban) 6:24 (pp)
Penalties — Powe Pha, Lapierre Mtl (fighting) 2:06, Van Riemsdyk Pha (goaltender interference) 5:48, Richards Pha, Subban Mtl, Kostitsyn Mtl (roughing) 8:53, Pouliot Mtl (slashing) 12:24, Coburn Pha (hooking) 15:07, Giroux Pha, Subban Mtl (slashing), O'Donnell Pha (misconduct) 16:09, Hartnel Pha (misconduct), Lapierre Mtl (roughing, misconduct) 17:59, Shelly Pha (cross-checking) 18:35.
Shots

Philadelphia	13	20	8	41
Montreal	11	8	9	28

Goal — Philadelphia: Bobrovsky (L,11-3-1); Montreal: Price (W,11-5-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Philadelphia: 0-5; Montreal: 2-7.
Att — 21,273 (21,273) at Montreal.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	8	2	.800	—
New Jersey	4	6	.400	4
New York	3	8	.273	5½
Philadelphia	2	9	.182	6½
Toronto	2	9	.182	6½

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	7	3	.700	—
Atlanta	8	4	.667	—
Miami	6	4	.600	1
Charlotte	4	7	.364	3½
Washington	3	6	.333	3½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	6	3	.667	—
Cleveland	5	5	.500	1½
Milwaukee	5	6	.455	2
Indiana	4	5	.444	2
Detroit	4	7	.364	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	8	1	.889	—
San Antonio	8	1	.889	—
Dallas	7	2	.778	1
Memphis	4	8	.333	5½
Houston	3	7	.300	5½

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	7	4	.636	—
Oklahoma City	6	4	.600	½
Portland	7	5	.583	½
Denver	6	5	.545	1
Minnesota	3	9	.250	4½

PACIFIC DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	9	2	.818	—
Golden State	7	4	.636	2
Phoenix	6	4	.600	2½
Sacramento	3	6	.333	5
L.A. Clippers	1	10	.091	8

Last night's results
Cleveland 101 Philadelphia 93
Atlanta 102 Indiana 92
Washington 109 Toronto 94
Portland 100 Memphis 99
L.A. Lakers 118 Milwaukee 107
Chicago 95 Houston 92
Denver 120 New York 118
Monday's results
Charlotte 113 Minnesota 110
Orlando 89 Memphis 72
Dallas 98 New Orleans 95
Phoenix 100 Denver 94
Oklahoma City 115 Utah 108
Golden State 101 Detroit 97
New Jersey 110 L.A. Clippers 96
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Phoenix at Miami, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Washington at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Dallas at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Houston at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Utah, 9 p.m.
Chicago at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.
New York at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	10	90	87	284	28.4
Ellis, GOL	11	110	59	292	26.5
Bryant, LAL	10	84	69	252	25.2
Wade, MIA	10	81	74	247	24.7
Anthony, DEN	10	93	49	245	24.5
Martin, HOU	9	63	73	217	24.1
Gay, MEM	11	105	32	261	23.7
Rose, CHI	8	73	36	189	23.6
Westbrook, OKC	10	75	83	235	23.5
Gasol, LAL	10	94	44	232	23.2
Nowitzki, DAL	9	78	49	207	23.0
Gordon, LAC	9	68	62	206	22.9
James, MIA	10	70	75	223	22.3
Williams, UTA	11	83	61	244	22.2
Granger, IND	8	66	24	177	22.1
Scola, HOU	9	79	41	199	22.1
Millsap, UTA	11	98	39	239	21.7
Ginobili, SAN	9	60	46	192	21.3
Richardson, PHX	10	84	13	212	21.2
Howard, ORL	10	74	64	212	21.2
Beasley, MIN	11	92	38	233	21.2
Pierce, BOS	10	73	48	210	21.0
Stoudemire, NYK	10	74	56	208	20.8
Bargnani, TOR	10	76	39	205	20.5

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

	FG	FGA	PCT
Horford, ATL	79	123	.642
Warrick, PHX	45	71	.634
Okafor, NOR	40	65	.615
Millsap, UTA	98	162	.605
Gibson, CHI	50	83	.602
Ibaka, OKC	47	80	.588
Odom, LAL	65	111	.586
Young, PHL	44	76	.579
Howard, ORL	74	129	.574
Gasol, MEM	43	75	.573
Fields, NYK	40	70	.571
Jefferson, SAN	52	92	.565

Not including last night's games

WIZARDS 109, RAPTORS 94

TORONTO (94)
Weems 7-13 0-0 16, Evans 1-4 3-4 5, Bargnani 3-13 5-6 12, Jack 5-14 3-4 13, DeRozan 5-9 2-2 12, Johnson 2-5 2-2 6, Andersen 2-5 0-0 4, Kleiza 7-11 1-2 15, Calderon 1-8 0-0 3, Wright 1-1 0-0 2, Banks 0-2 2-4 2, Dorsey 1-1 2-2 4. Totals 35-86 20-26 94.
WASHINGTON (109)
Thornton 3-6 0-0 6, Blatche 9-13 3-4 22, McGee 3-7 2-2 8, Arenas 7-14 3-4 20, Hinrich 5-8 2-2 13, Booker 4-6 0-1 8, Young 8-15 3-4 20, Armstrong 5-6 0-0 10, Martin 0-0 0-2 0, Hudson 0-2 0-0 0, Seraphin 1-3 0-0 2, N'diaye 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 45-80 13-19 109.

Toronto	23	24	21	26	94
Washington	27	27	36	19	109

3-Point Goals—Toronto 4-11 (Weems 2-2, Bargnani 1-2, Calderon 1-3, Andersen 0-1, Jack 0-1, Kleiza 0-2), Washington 6-15 (Arenas 3-6, Blatche 1-1, Hinrich 1-2, Young 1-4, Hudson 0-1, Thornton 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 44 (Evans 9), Washington 54 (McGee 9). Assists—Toronto 19 (Jack 5), Washington 28 (Hinrich 12). Total Fouls—Toronto 18, Washington 26. Technicals—Washington defensive three second. A—11,513 (20,173) at Washington.

MLB

NL CY YOUNG AWARD WINNERS

2010 - x-Roy Halladay, Philadelphia
2009 - Tim Lincecum, San Francisco
2008 - Tim Lincecum, San Francisco
2007 - x-Jake Peavy, San Diego
2006 - Brandon Webb, Arizona
2005 - Chris Carpenter, St. Louis
2004 - Roger Clemens, Houston
2003 - Eric Gagne, Los Angeles
2002 - x-Randy Johnson, Arizona
2001 - Randy Johnson, Arizona
2000 - Randy Johnson, Arizona
x-unanimous choice

SOCCER

MLS PLAYOFFS

THIRD ROUND
Championship
MLS Cup
At Toronto
Sunday's game
(All times Eastern)
Colorado vs. FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

FRIENDLIES

Yesterday's results
Cape Verde Islands 2 Guinea-Bissau 1
Jordan 0 Cyprus 0
Saudi Arabia 0 Uganda 0
Scotland 3 Faeroe Islands 0

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

League Office — Announced the retirement of vice president of rules and on-field operations Bob Watson, effective at the end of the year.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

DETROIT TIGERS — Named Kevin Bradshaw minor league field coordinator, Joe DePastino minor league catching coordinator and Dave Owen minor league infield coordinator.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ATLANTA BRAVES — Traded INF Omar Infante and LHP Mike Dunn to Florida for 2B Dan Uggla.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jake Westbrook on a two-year contract.

BASKETBALL

NBA

PHOENIX SUNS — Signed C Earl Barron. Released G Matt Janning. Assigned F Gani Lawal to Iowa (NBADL).

NBA DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

RIO GRANDE VALLEY VIPERS — Waived G Derrick Roland and C James Cripe.

FOOTBALL

NFL

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Placed OT Brandon Keith on injured reserve. Signed OT D'Anthony Batiste. Signed RB Alfonso Smith to the practice squad. Released WR Ed Gant from the practice squad.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed PK Aaron Pettrey and OT Kirk Chambers.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed WR Derek Hagan. Placed WR Ramses Barden on injured reserve. Signed DT Dwayne Hendricks to the practice squad.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Released PK Jeff Reed. Signed PK Shaun Suisham.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed TE Riar Geer to the practice squad. Waived TE Joel Gamble.

HOCKEY

NHL

BOSTON BRUINS — Reassigned F Yannick Riendeau from Providence (AHL) to Reading (ECHL).
ST. LOUIS BLUES — Assigned F Nick Drazenovic to Peoria (AHL). Recalled F T.J. Hensick from Peoria.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Re-assigned D Joe Finley from Hershey (AHL) to South Carolina (ECHL).

AHL

AHL — Suspended Providence D Steve Kampfer one game for his actions during Friday's game against Abbotsford.
ABBOTSFORD HEAT — Returned G J.P. Lamoureux to Utah (ECHL).
HERSHEY BEARS — Assigned G Todd Ford to South Carolina (ECHL).
MANITOBA MOOSE — Signed F Jason Pitton.
OKLAHOMA CITY BARONS — Recalled D Jordan Bendfeld from Stockton (ECHL).
ROCHESTER AMERICANS — Returned F Aaron Bendickson to Gwinnett (ECHL).

CFL

WEEK 21

Sunday's games
Division Finals
(All times Eastern)
EAST DIVISION
Toronto at Montreal, 1 p.m.
WEST DIVISION
Saskatchewan at Calgary, 4:30 p.m.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	2	0	.778	258	214
N.Y. Jets	7	2	0	.778	208	150
Miami	5	4	0	.556	172	192
Buffalo	1	8	0	.111	164	245

SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	6	3	0	.667	240	185
Tennessee	5	4	0	.556	241	179
Jacksonville	5	4	0	.556	196	250
Houston	4	5	0	.444	217	257

NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	6	3	0	.667	196	165
Pittsburgh	6	3	0	.667	200	164
Cleveland	3	6	0	.333	172	182
Cincinnati	2	7	0	.222	184	213

WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	5	4	0	.556	235	188
Kansas City	5	4	0	.556	212	194
San Diego	4	5	0	.444	239	197
Denver	3	6	0	.333	203	252

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	6	3	0	.667	257	209
N.Y. Giants	6	3	0	.667	236	193
Washington	4	5	0	.444	183	229
Dallas	2	7	0	.222	194	252

SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	7	2	0	.778	222	175
New Orleans	6	3	0	.667	201	151
Tampa Bay	6	3	0	.667	188	206
Carolina	1	8	0	.111	104	215

NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	6	3	0	.667	175	146
Green Bay	6	3	0	.667	221	143
Minnesota	3	6	0	.333	169	195
Detroit	2	7	0	.222	215	202

WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	5	4	0	.556	166	199
St. Louis	4	5	0	.444	160	164
San Francisco	3	6	0	.333	160	198
Arizona	3	6	0	.333	175	261

WEEK 10

Byes: Green Bay, New Orleans, Oakland, San Diego
Monday's result
Philadelphia 59 Washington 28
Sunday's results
Buffalo 14 Detroit 12
Chicago 27 Minnesota 13
Dallas 33 N.Y. Giants 20
Denver 49 Kansas City 29
Indianapolis 23 Cincinnati 17
Jacksonville 31 Houston 24
Miami 29 Tennessee 17
N.Y. Jets 26 Cleveland 20 (OT)
San Francisco 23 St. Louis 20 (OT)
Seattle 36 Arizona 18
Tampa Bay 31 Carolina 16
New England 39 Pittsburgh 26

WEEK 11

Tomorrow's game
(All times Eastern)
Chicago at Miami, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 21
Detroit at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Washington at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Houston at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at St. Louis, 4:05 p.m.
Seattle at New Orleans, 4:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Indianapolis at New England, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 22
Denver at San Diego, 8:30 p.m.

5 drive

The 2011 Scion tC is a high-impact sporty coupe with a low-impact hit to the wallet

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The Scion tC is part of a very exclusive club. Canadians know this all too well, since Scion has been a U.S.-only brand – until now.

But the tC, a new-to-us and new-to-Scion 2011 model, is also an entry into the rare category of the compact coupe.

Amidst the myriad of new 2011 vehicles, from the highest of high-roller exotics to the humblest of econo-boxes, the one area where choice is at a premium is the affordable sport-coupe category. Among the few that qualify, the tC earns a spot near the top of the scope-it-out list.

Since first opening shop in the United States for the 2004 model year, Toyota's youth-centred Scion brand has presented an assortment of mainly boxy designs that have been met with mixed success. However, the one continuing bright light has been the tC hatchback coupe that arrived for 2005. As with all Scions, the tC was loaded with normally extra-cost content, but proved to be light on its feet as a driver's car and required only a light touch on the pocketbook.

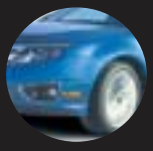
For the 2011 model year, the brand-new tC, which joins the new-to-Canada (but not brand new) xB and xD small wagons, uses the same basic platform as the original, but nearly every other piece of the car has been updated, refreshed, replaced, or significantly improved. The nose has a more aggressive look and the reshaped roofline gives rear-seat passengers a bit more headroom.

Scion dealers can install a variety of extra-cost add-ons, including 19-inch wheels, beefier suspension parts, cold-air intake and lower body graphics, just to name a few.

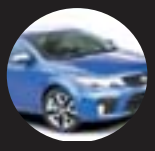
All that's left for you to do is pick a colour and drive away in one of the best sports car deals around.

By comparison

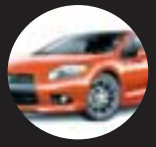
Honda Civic coupe
Base price: $17,600
Fuel-sipping two-door is a bit cramped for four.



Kia Forte Koup
Base price: $19,950
A well-priced newcomer with plenty of style and a choice of two engines.



Mistubishi Eclipse
Base price: $25,850
Aggressive-looking hatch offers lots of punch with optional 265-horse V6.



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New contender

What you should know about the 2011 Scion tC:

- **Type:** Two-door compact hatchback coupe
- **Engines (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I4 (180)
- **Transmissions:** Six-speed manual; six-speed automatic (opt.)
- **Market Position:** You can count the number of affordable sport coupes available on one hand and still have some digits left over.
- **Stats:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 8.9/6.3 (MT); Base price (incl. destination) $23,300.

▶A new set of seven-spoke 18-inch alloy wheels have been installed on the 2011 Scion tC.

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▶ Both two-door coupe and four-door sedan variations of Cobalts and G5s were available.

The Chevrolet Cobalt and Pontiac G5 redefined comfortable cruising

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The 2005 Chevrolet Cobalt and Pontiac G5 Pursuit replaced the long-lived Chevrolet Cavalier and Pontiac Sunfire. Available from 2005 to 2010 inclusive, these platform-sharing twins were available with numerous four-cylinder engine options and both automatic and manual transmissions. All models were front-wheel drive.

Early on, a 2.2 liter engine with 145 horsepower was available, as was a two-liter supercharged unit with 205 ponies in SS Supercharged trim. A bigger 2.4 liter, 171-horsepower mill was added to the line-up a few years in, though it was eventually scrapped in favour of a revamped, 155-horsepower version of the original 2.2 liter mill.

Finally, a two-liter turbocharged engine made its way under the hood of the Cobalt SS (formerly Cobalt SS Supercharged).

Both two-door coupe and four-door sedan variations were available, and options included premium audio, a sunroof, leather seating, remote start and more.

What Owners Like

Owners typically give their Cobalts and G5s top marks for an easygoing steering feel, a comfortable ride and higher-than-adequate levels of power with any of the larger engines on board. Decent fuel mileage is also reported, and numerous owners say their Cobalt's ride with a stable and solid feel.

What Owners Hate

Complaints include large doors on coupe models, which can make entering and exiting in tight quarters tricky. Limited rear seat space, cupholder design and low-budget interior trim materials are other common complaints.

Common Issues

Opting for a model with a manual transmission? Check that the clutch isn't on its way out. Any slipping or grinding could be a sign of a worn clutch or transmission trouble. A mechanic or mechanically-inclined friend can help check the clutch if you're unsure how.

Squeaking, vibrating or grinding during light to moderate braking probably means your used Cobalt candidate needs a brake job, and any popping or clunking sounds from the suspension could indicate a worn-out or damaged part. Some owners say suspension components have worn out prematurely– so a good going-over of the vehicle's underside by a mechanic is recommended.

Finally, a well-documented issue with the Cobalt and G5 dealt with a failure of the electric steering system, which could cause a loss of power assist and an accident. A recall addressed this problem, as did a separate recall for a potentially-faulty shift cable that may prevent the vehicle from actually being in 'park' when the shift indicator suggested it was.

Your local GM dealership can check that all recall-related work has been performed to the vehicle you're considering if you provide them with its VIN number.

The Verdict

Cobalts and G5s look like fairly solid values in a used compact sedan, considering that they appear free of serious or costly problems. Below-average resale values should keep pricing fairly low.

The specs

- **MODEL** 2005 to 2010 Pontiac G5/Chevrolet Cobalt
- **VEHICLE TYPE** Sedan/Coupe
- **APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE** $9,000 to $23,000

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When it's dark outside, your car needs to be lit: you need to be able to see the instrument panel and other controls, for example. While all cars have this practical lighting, premium brands often include "ambient" lighting. These low-level lights, placed in the door handles, foot wells, consoles and other areas, give the car a rich, expensive feel.

Audi is now experimenting with a new idea: illuminated floor mats. Using LED technology, the mats contain logos that light up.

"This is a prototype," says Jonathan Lee, senior engineer at Audi's electronics research lab in Palo Alto, California. "We're still looking at whether there's an interest from the customer, and how we make it so it's simple to install and remove."

Since floor mats are intended to take the brunt of wet or snowy weather, a major challenge is in making the package watertight.

"We can cast the whole thing in multiple pieces," Lee says. "There would be a top layer with the graphic display with the car's logo. Then there's the diffuser layer, and then the LED layer. All three can be encapsulated to make it into one module that could either snap into a floor mat as a retrofit, or be molded into the floor mat itself. It can be molded into a utility mat that you'd be able to hose down with the LEDs inside."

The mats would most likely include an electrical harness that would be powered by the car's 12-volt plug, Lee says, which wouldn't run down the battery.

▶ Audi's illuminated floor mats would theoretically draw only one to two amps, even at their brightest.

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▶ BMW's Norbert Reithofer revealled last week that its Megacity vehicle will be produced in Leipzig, Germany.

That somewhat immodest quote was uttered last week by BMW head honcho, Norbert Reithofer, after revealing how and where the automaker will build its Megacity electric vehicle.

About $650 million will go to expand its plant in Leipzig, Germany, and another $100 million or so toward a new "carbon-fibre" factory in Moses Lake, Washington.

This plant will be a joint project with SGL Carbon SE, the world's biggest manufacturer of carbon and graphite products.

The carbon plant should tip you off to why BMW is using "revolutionary" rhetoric. Megacity will become the world's first volume-produced car with a passenger cell made from carbon-fibre.

With carbon-fibre, which is 50 percent lighter than steel, BMW figures it can offset the additional weight of an electric vehicle — typically 250 to 350 kilograms. A lighter car also means it can use a smaller, lighter, and less expensive battery.

Making large pieces out of carbon-fibre is expensive and time-consuming. To achieve thickness you have to keep layering or weaving thin strands of carbon-fibre, a process not unlike crocheting, and who has time to crochet a fender?

This is why, until now at least, it has remained a niche material. But automakers are chipping away at the dilemma.

A large section of the McLaren's new sports car, the MP4-12C, is crafted of carbon fibre. For this application McLaren developed a new process, which takes about five hours. When McLaren last made such a carbon-fibre piece, for the Mercedes-Benz SLR, the process took about 400 hours.

Because the Megacity is to be a relatively affordable city car, BMW said it is going to great lengths to reduce the cost of a carbon-fibre build. For one thing, the material is actually carbon-fibre reinforced plastic (CFRP). BMW's process also involves the reuse of scrap, enabled by a new technique of turning carbon strands into sheets of fibre, and a new "quasi-stamping process" to make some of the smaller CFRP parts.

Megacity also has a unique chassis design consisting of two modules: Drive — the battery, drive system and structural and crash crumple piece; and Life — the CFRP passenger cell piece. BMW says this new-old "body on frame" architecture opens the door to totally new production processes which are both simpler and more flexible. It also uses less energy and offers more styling freedom.

With the vehicle themselves and their factories set to undergo such a revolution, what's next? The humanoid behind the wheel? Better take cover.

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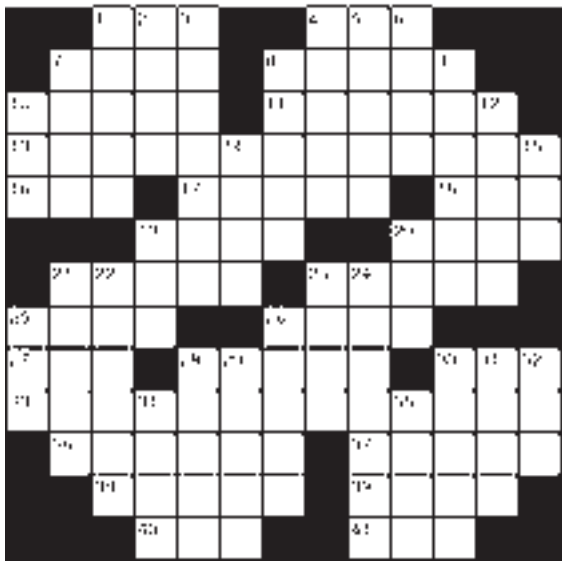

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11 Howard and Isaac
13 Show great anxiety
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18 Midafternoon, in a way
19 Antelope's playmate
20 Letters for letters?
21 "Surprise Symphony" composer
23 Dissolves
25 Ginormous
26 On deck
27 Actress Thurman
28 "Hancock" star
30 Overseer at JFK or LAX
33 Vent one's anger
36 Lack
37 Montana city
38 Cubic meter
39 Eye part
40 Commotion
41 Roman X

Down
1 Dodge
2 Injury
3 Applied thickly
4 Bury
5 Worries
6 Sorvino of screen
7 Earthenware pot
8 Leading man?
9 Sign up
10 TV watchdog org.
12 Missteps
14 Adolescent
15 Bro's counterpart
19 Prepare Easter eggs
20 Last (Abbr.)
21 Sticky, weatherwise
22 Playing marbles
23 Apportion (out)
24 Show
25 "Wha'd ya say?"
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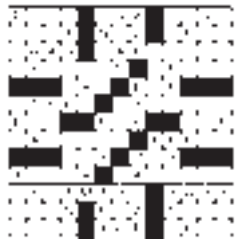
35 Tempt

▶ Yesterday's answer



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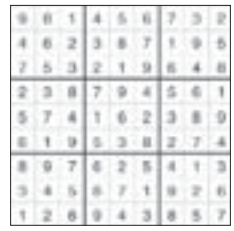

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♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You may be tempted to say things you know are not strictly true today but if you are wise you will resist it and stick to the facts.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Even if you are the kind of Gemini who likes to chat you won't be in a very forthcoming mood today. Those around you will recognize the signs and give you some time to yourself. You need to think, not talk.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You may be eager to get your hands on some extra cash but don't make promises you may not be able to keep. Your financial situation is not as dire as you seem to think it is, so steer clear of negative thoughts.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 The only reason you have a feeling of impending doom is because you have been listening to people who say the sky is about to fall. It isn't. Just because they fear the worst does not mean you need to too.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Look closely at your lifestyle and commitments. What can you do to streamline your day? To start with you can do less for other people!

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Don't get angry if someone you have helped many times in the past gives you a tough time today. It's not because they're ungrateful, it's because they have a lot on their mind at the moment.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 It will be hard for you to understand what someone is trying to tell you — their words just don't make any sense. Maybe you are speaking different languages.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 It's good of you to help a friend or family member with an emotional problem of some kind, but watch out it does not become your problem too. Keep some distance between you.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Something is not quite right. You may prefer facts to intuition but your inner voice is clearly telling you to be careful. On the work front in particular you should question everything you hear.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You may be tempted to push yourself harder and catch up to where you think you should be in your schedule, but is it really worth the effort?

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 News you get concerning your work or your financial situation may not delight you but neither is it as bad as you fear, so calm down. Ultimately, all change is good change.

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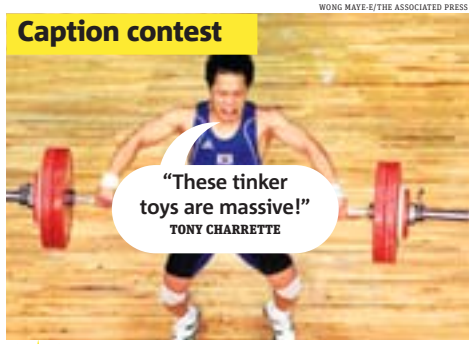

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